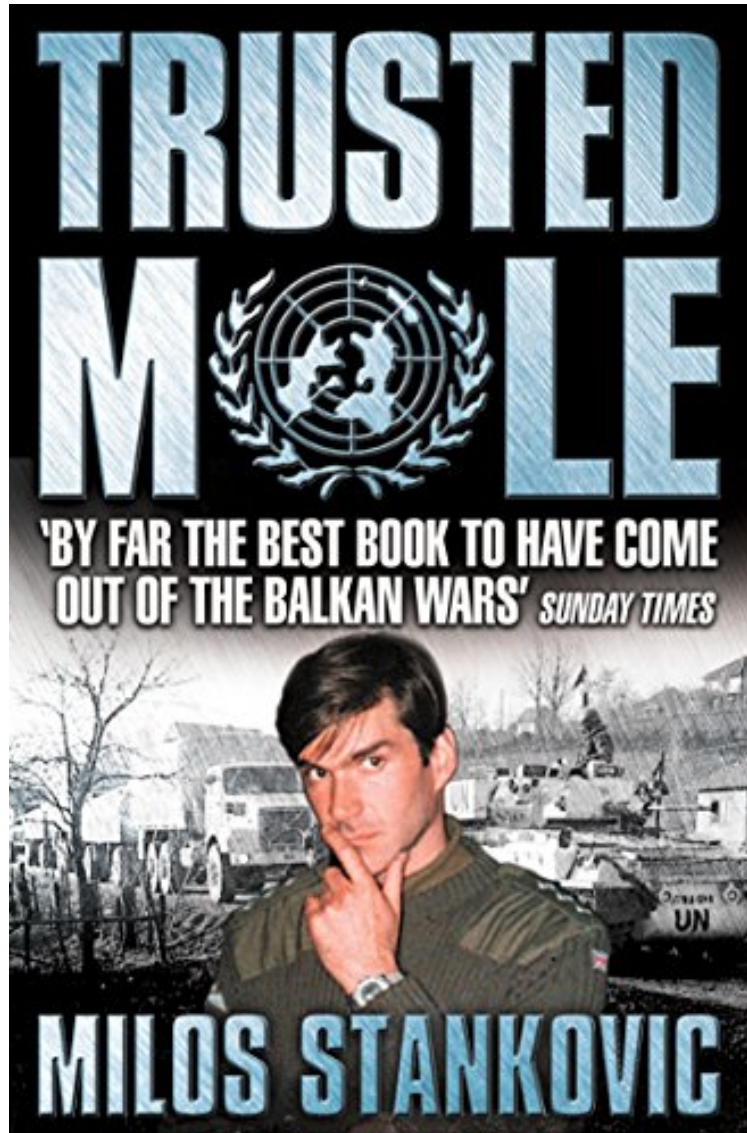


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The MOD believes his language ability is an 'asset'. The author is more than a willing suspect. An apparent win-win situation for the MOD and the author. He works in Bosnia under an alias. No one is to know that he is what he is, the son of a Serb nationalist. As an interpreter, a humanitarian worker in uniform (there the UN made a very serious mistake), and later as a 'fixer' for General Rose, the UNPROFOR BH Commander the author is confronted with the dynamics of ethnic conflict: hatred, murder, bloodshed and gore. In order to keep his masters satisfied he feels increasingly forced to play his 'Serb' card (his magic wand), with the extremist Bosnian Serb leadership. His superiors in Bosnia do not seem to care, they need results and protect him in a typical 'tunnel vision' military manner. In this book, the author paints himself into a corner as a Paratroop Officer lost in a highly complex political and humanitarian disaster zone. The uncanny issue is that he does it unknowingly. The parts of the book relating to pain and suffering are honest and stark and provide for an 'existentialist' read on par with f.e. Anthony Loyd's "My War Gone By, I Miss It So". Anyone familiar with the dynamics of ethnic conflict will not be surprised that the author is eventually compromised, seen as a 'spy' and after his tour in Bosnia even charged with 'treason'. Charged by the same Ministry that thought it such a brilliant idea to make use of him in the first place. A 'Serb' spying for 'the Serbs'. Unfortunately, the author starts his book as a 'suspect' and does not tell us how the criminal charges brought against him were eventually settled. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. If you want to understand this conflict, this book will help. Von Ein Kunde I have read some books about this conflict and most of them describe the mayhem of the war in Bosnia from more or less one perspective. Milos tries to paint this picture without using too much black and white paint. He is painting a picture that shows probably everything as it really happened during this dark time. He doesn't try to pin point culprits but on the other hand he doesn't side with one of the factions. He tells his story from the perspective of a minor who had to deal with the big players, whether he wanted it or not. In my opinion, he did an excellent job. Thanks Milos

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